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For: HARMFUL SUBSTANCE EVALUATING  
METHOD AND HARMFUL SUBSTANCE  
EVALUATION KIT

Examiner: J. A. Hines

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 (37 CFR 1.97(b)(4)).

An Office Action dated December 14, 2010 that issued in a Japanese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 and copies of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are also attached hereto.

While the attached Japanese Office Action dated December 14, 2010 additionally cites to a Burger et al. document and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2004-101196, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 because they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on June 16, 2006.

The relevance of the attached foreign language documents can be understood at least from the attached English-language abstracts and/or from the citations of the documents in the attached Japanese Office Action dated December 14, 2010.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.


Applicants reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573, under Order No. 046884-5485-00-US-227846.

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